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Floyd's Fork Technical Advisory Committee to meet April 24

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 26, 2013) – The Floyds Fork Technical Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT at the Floyds Fork Water Quality Treatment Center located at 1100 Blue Heron Road in Louisville. The meeting will address high-level technical concepts regarding the development of nutrient total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for Floyds Fork.

The committee is a component of the joint effort by the Kentucky Division of Water (DOW), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and stakeholders to improve water quality in the Floyds Fork watershed. The committee is composed of technical representatives from the major stakeholder groups within the Floyds Fork Watershed.

"Total Maximum Daily Load" is a term used to describe the amount of pollution a stream can receive and still meet water quality standards. Water quality standards are regulations based on federal or state law that set numeric or narrative limits on pollutants. TMDLs are required for water bodies that are determined to be impaired. Floyds Fork currently fails to meet state standards for recreation and aquatic life.

The Floyds Fork watershed is located in north-central Kentucky and drains portions of Henry, Oldham, Shelby, Jefferson, Spencer and Bullitt counties. The entire watershed is 284 square miles, which is more than 180,000 acres.

For more information about this meeting, contact DOW via email at FloydsFork@ky.gov or the EPA Region via email at floydsfork@epa.gov. All inquiries regarding EPA's approach to developing the Floyds Fork TMDL model should be directed to Tim Wool, EPA Region 4, at wool.tim@epa.gov or 404-562-9260.

Additional information regarding the Floyds Fork TMDL development process and past meetings can be found at http://water.ky.gov/watershed/Pages/FloydsFork.aspx.